

# North Carolina State Board of Elections Budget Overview

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# North Carolina State Board of Elections

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# North Carolina State Board of Elections

- Mission - Promote confidence among the citizens of North Carolina in the integrity of the free election process through the consistent administration and equal application of all elections and campaign finance laws, rules, and regulations.
- GS 163-22 The State Board of Elections is an independent regulatory and quasi-judicial agency. The State Board of Elections shall exercise its statutory powers, duties, functions, authority, and shall have all powers and duties conferred upon the heads of principal departments under G.S. 143B-10. (1973, c. 1409, s. 2.)
- GS 163-19
  - Membership = 5 Registered Voters
  - Appointed by the Governor to four year terms
  - Can serve no more than two consecutive terms

# North Carolina State Board of Elections

## Authorizing Laws

- GS 163-22 – Powers and Duties of State Board of Elections
  - Appoint the Executive Director (term of 4 years)
  - General Supervision over primaries and elections
  - Produce copies of all election laws and Board rules
  - Appoint all members of county boards of elections
  - Remove county boards of elections members if necessary
  - May investigate the administration of election laws
  - Determine ballot contents, styles, instruction sheets, poll books, etc. and require county boards of elections to purchase necessary forms
  - Prepare and distribute ballots, supervise local ballots
  - Certify the names of candidates to be on local ballots
  - Certify and declare the results
- GS 163-82.11&12
  - Statewide Voter Database and maintain individual county's list

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## Authorizing Laws – County Boards of Elections

- GS 163-30
  - Each county has a board comprised of 3 members, registered voters
  - 2 year terms
  - Recommended by the State Chairpersons of each political party
  - Appointed by the State Board of Elections

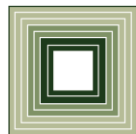
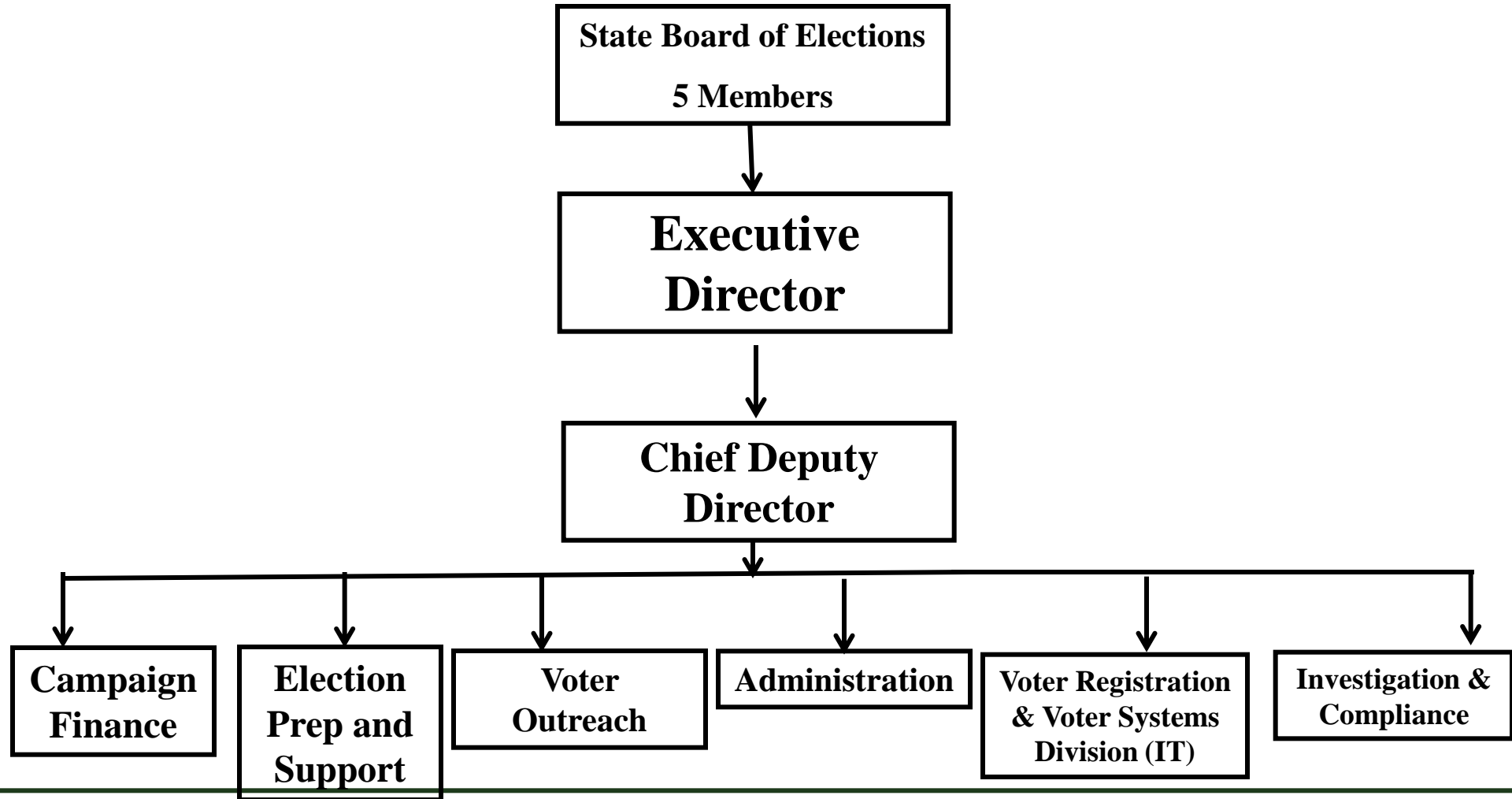
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## Authorizing Laws – County Boards of Elections

- GS 163-33 Powers and Duties of County Boards of Elections
  - Create rules for guidance of elections
  - Appoint all chief judges, judges, assistants, and other officers of elections
  - Investigate irregularities or nonperformance of duties by election officials
  - Establish election precincts
  - Provide the ballots, supplies, and distribution to the voting places
  - Issue all notices regarding elections
  - Appoint and remove personnel
  - Counties fund the cost of elections, personnel, equipment and maintenance of equipment, election day poll workers, and other costs associated with administration of elections
  - Campaign finance review

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## Organizational Chart



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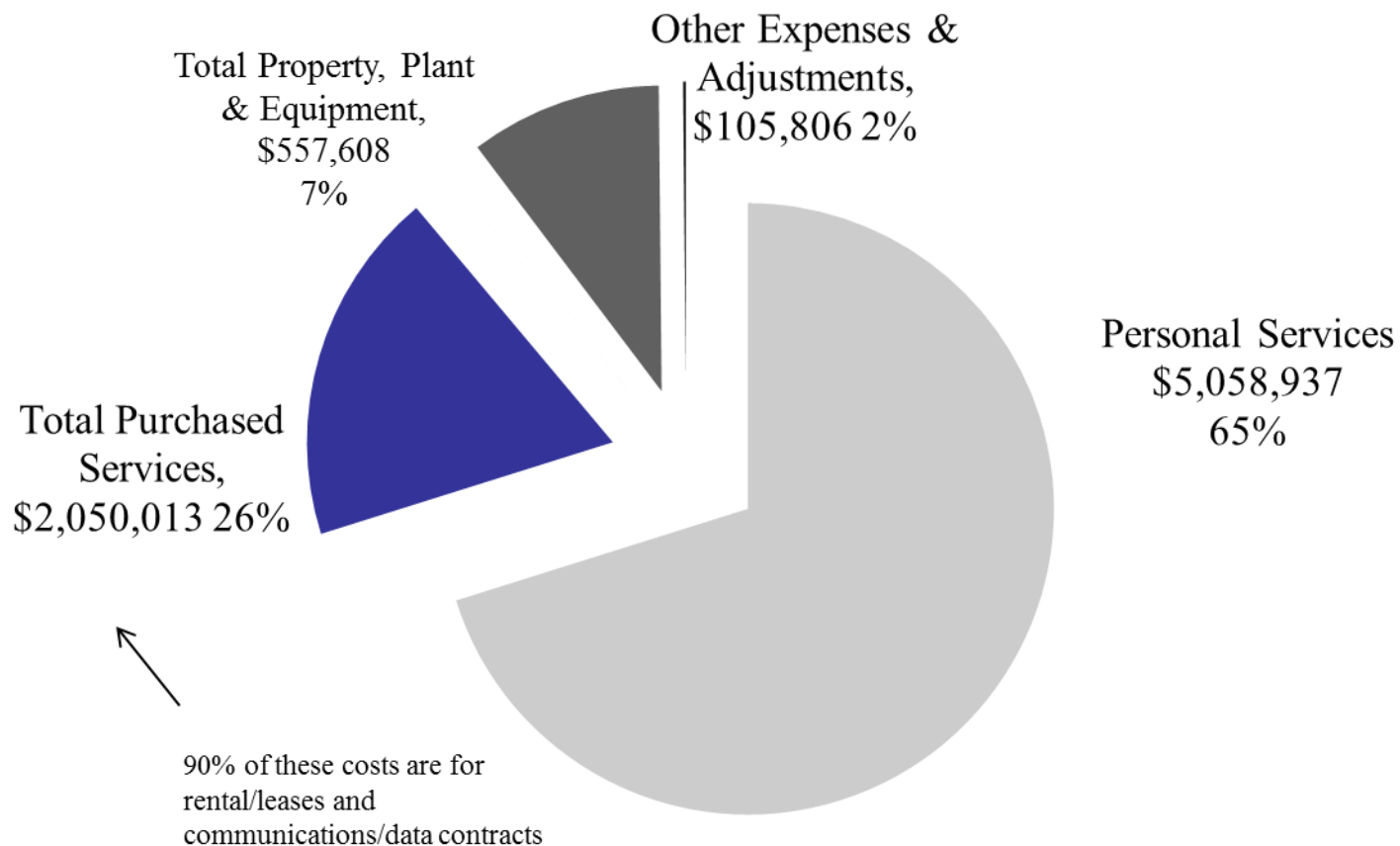
# State Board of Elections Budget

	FY 2010-11 Actual Budget	FY 2011-12 Actual Budget	FY 2012-13 Actual Budget	FY 2013-14 Actual Budget	FY 2014-15 Authorized Budget
Requirements	\$6,581,704	\$6,225,311	\$5,061,863	\$5,437,440	\$7,807,790
Receipts	\$791,218	\$1,527,808	\$403,973	\$116,079	\$1,004,535
Appropriations	\$5,790,486	\$4,697,503	\$4,657,890	\$5,321,362	\$6,803,255
FTEs	65	51	51	54.5	57.5

\*FY 2014-15 includes Voter Information Verification Act (VIVA) implementation funds and additional funds appropriated to match Help America Vote Act (HAVA) funds.

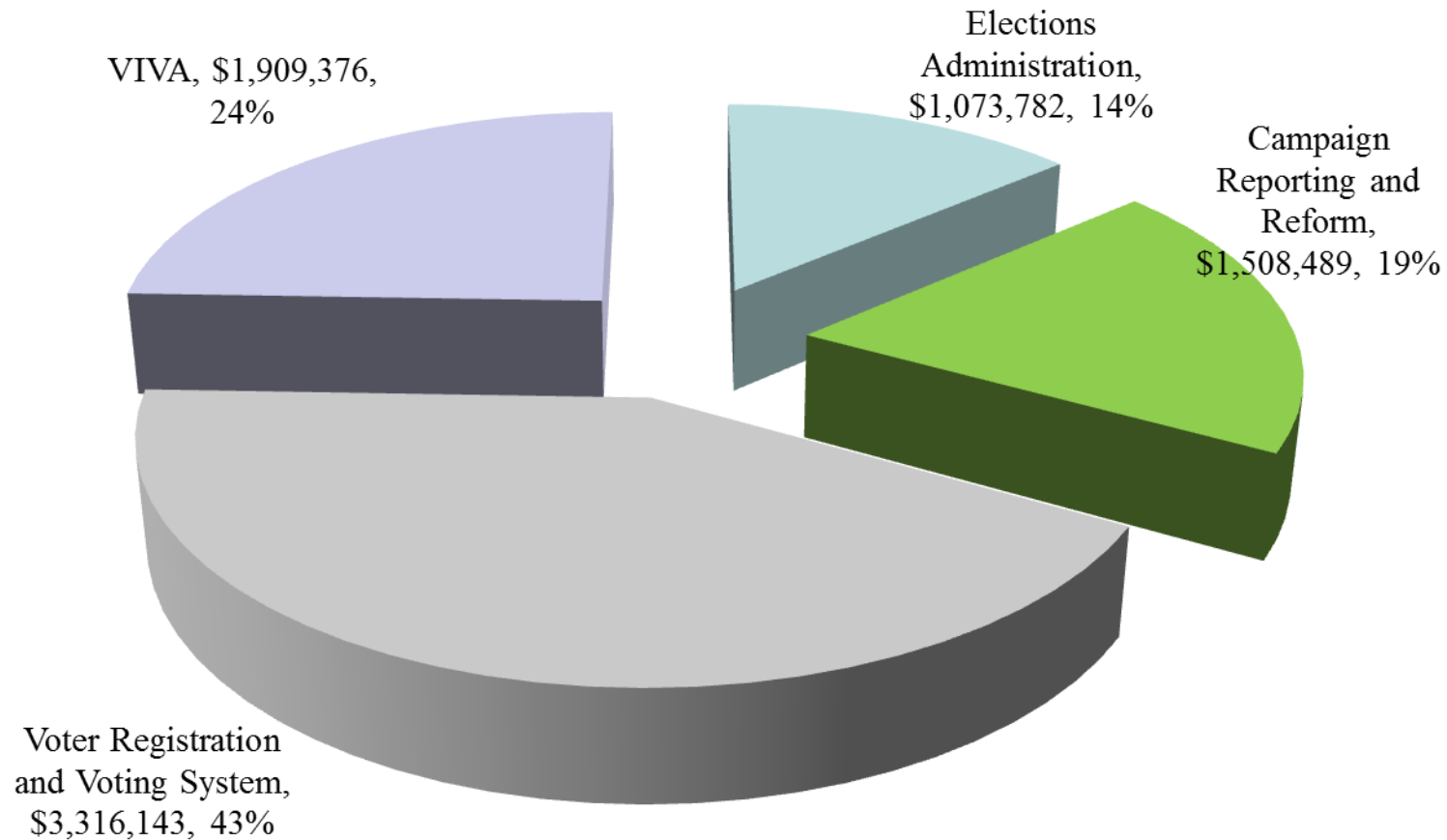


# State Board of Elections Budget Composition Authorized Budget 2014-15



# State Board of Elections

## Total by Functions, Authorized Budget 2014-15



# State Board of Elections

- **Elections Administration**
  - Supervise all elections
  - Appoint, train, and supervise election officials
  - Supervise appointment and training of local election officials
    - Create training videos that counties may use in their training efforts
  - Investigate administration of election laws, fraud and irregularities in elections

# State Board of Elections

- **Voter Registration and Voter Systems (IT)**
  - Maintain the statewide voter database
    - Statewide Election Information Management System (SEIMS)
    - 6,323,295 Registered Voters as of February 2015
    - Provide voter information to County Boards of Elections
    - Maintain SBOE's website
    - Support the campaign finance reporting systems

# State Board of Elections

- **Campaign Finance**
  - Oversee the campaign disclosures of money spent for political activities
  - Supervise campaign reporting in county boards of elections
  - Audit candidates' and political committee required reports (statewide and district offices)
  - Investigate claims of violation of campaign finance laws
    - Conduct hearings when necessary
    - Issues findings/determinations

# State Board of Elections

## Special Funds

- Help America Vote Act, Title I
- Help America Vote Act, Title II
- Voter Information Verification Act Funds

# State Board of Elections

## Help America Vote Act of 2002

Federal law established new minimum standards for states to follow in administration of elections

- Allowing provisional ballots
- Dissemination of voting information
- Required updated voting equipment
- Established voter identification procedures
- Administrative Complaint Procedures

### Title II, **Balance \$4,125,497**

- \$390,871 was appropriated for FY 2014-15 in order to spend \$4 million remaining balance
- Upgrade the centralized Statewide Election and Information Management System (SEIMS) and fund two time-limited positions in FY 2014-15.

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## Voter Information Verification Act (VIVA) Funds

- SL 2013-381 appropriated \$1,000,000 recurring for VIVA. Funds may be used for outreach and operations by the State Board of Elections, reimbursement for issuance of state-issued identification cards by Division of Motor Vehicles, reimbursement for the State Registrar for the provision of free vital records certificates, and for reimbursement to county governments.



# Presentation Information Requested

1. HAVA Funds - Status of use/contracts, etc.
2. Implementation of VIVA – Update
3. Implementation of moving from touch-screen to optic scan paper ballots among counties
  - What is SBOE’s role in this?
4. Campaign Finance IT System
  - How was this contract funded?
  - What is the status of replacement?

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Questions?